

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY
Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Room 310, City Hall
2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Renee Keehan, Heidi Michel

EXCUSED: Kathy De Cremer

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Ben Heiman to approve the November 14, 2012 Minutes, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

- a. Appeal of Beau Phillips requesting to move to 1915 Belmont Dr.

Beau Phillips appeared by telephone from the Door County jail.

A motion is made and seconded to move into closed session to discuss Beau's appeal and treatment, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 938.299. Motion carried. A motion is made and seconded to return to open session. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the appeal of Beau Phillips, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Renee Keehan.

Discussion: Renee approves of the motion because Beau will be living with his uncle.

Two in favor, two opposed (Heiman, Gerondale).

More Discussion: The Board has heard Mr. Phillips' appeal in the past, and Dean Gerondale has never been comfortable with this individual. It is unclear why Mr. Phillips' has returned from Indiana (i.e., was it his fault, the state's fault, or a combination of both?). The point is, he was revoked, and the Board does not have the full story. Dean has more questions than answers as to why Beau has been extradited back to Brown County.

Heidi Michel indicated she is familiar with the process of Beau transferring his probation. He violated in Indiana because he was not reporting to his parole officer. Indiana is saying they don't want him and in order for him to get back into their state, the agent

has to extradite him back there. That's why he's been brought back to Brown County. When this happens, revocation is instant. It doesn't take long, because they know he is coming back to be revoked. Because Indiana doesn't want him there any more, Brown County has to take him back because the offense originated in Wisconsin. Wisconsin can revoke based on Indiana's rules.

Ben Heiman voted against the motion based upon lack of documentation. Renee Keehan points out that treatment documentation had been submitted previously. Renee feels that since Beau's uncle has given him a timeline in which he can live with him, Beau is not getting a "free ride."

Dean Gerondale stated he is not confident Beau will not reoffend.

Because it is a tie vote, the Motion is DENIED.

b. Appeal of Adam Polley requesting to move to 1138 E. Walnut St.

Adam appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Adam of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Adam wants to move to Green Bay to look for a job. He is a certified paralegal and received his degree on line. It was set up through the federal government because he was a federal employee.

Adam stated the victim was a friend who was related to his brother's girlfriend. He is not sure how the complaint came about. The victim has given several different stories, first stating there was intercourse and then later saying it was contact only. At one time she even said nothing happened. Adam stated there is a pending court action to clear his name. The victim was three months shy of age 16. Adam was told to plead "no contest" to 4th degree sexual assault.

Instead of looking back, Adam wants to look forward. He will be living by himself. All his family lives in Michigan. He has some old acquaintances in the Green Bay area but is not sure if he will contact them.

Renee Keehan stated she will abstain from voting.

A motion to approve the appeal of Adam Polley, address specific, was made by Dean Gerondale, no second.

Discussion: Heidi Michel is against the motion because she feels we have enough people forced to live in our community because of where their probation originated, and also the fact that Adam does not yet have a job. Ben Heiman agrees.

Dean Gerondale reminds the board that a 4th degree sexual assault is outside contact (e.g., patting someone on the butt). The offense occurred in 2004. Adam has since gotten his paralegal degree and is trying to find a job and turn his life around. Dean does not feel Adam will reoffend.

Adam stated he is meeting with his government case manager today regarding job positions. They will pay half of Adam's wages for 6 months to 1 year to whomever will employ him.

Adam's father appeared on Adam's behalf. He understands the feeling that everyone should take care of their own; however, the UP is very desolate. He would like to see Adam stay in the UP, but finding a job up there is difficult and people are forced to leave Michigan and come down to Green Bay or Milwaukee to look for work.

A motion to APPROVE Adam Polley to live at 1138 East Walnut Street, address specific, until the first regular meeting in April 2013 (i.e., April 10, 2013), was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Heidi Michel. Three in favor, one abstention. Motion carried.

- c. Appeal of Antwoine L. Owens requesting to move to 967 Velp Ave., Apt. 2

Antwoine appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Antwoine of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Antwoine is currently in Huber. He has been renting this apartment but hasn't been living there yet. His fiancé has been staying there, pending Antwoine's approval.

Antwoine gave the Board a letter from American Foods, where he is currently working. It indicates he works 40 hours per week and is a good employee, a team player and an asset to the company. He also gave the Board a letter of support from his mother, Carolyn McCoy, who lives out of state. She is ill and could not make the trip to Green Bay.

Antwoine stated the offense occurred in 2001. He was 18 years of age at the time. He is now 31. He admits he made a bad decision. He did not have sexual intercourse with the victim.

Antwoine's fiancé has two grown children, ages 18 and 19. He has been a part of their lives since they were 10 and 11 years of age. They love him like their real father. He and his fiancé are to be married on March 25, 2013.

Antwoine was released in 2005. His probation for the sexual offense ended in 2007. He is currently on probation for non-reporting.

Antwoine currently attends the ATTIC and a drug and alcohol program.

Dean Gerondale placed a call to Antwoine's parole officer, Brian Koehler, who confirmed Antwoine is on probation because of a reporting issue and because the conviction was in one state and he resides in another. Mr. Koehler has had no issues with Antwoine. Antwoine has done everything he's been asked to do. Antwoine is currently in the jail because he doesn't have a place to live.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Antwoine Owens, address specific, was made by Heidi Michel, seconded by Renee Keehan. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Appeal of Geitano W. Schmidt requesting to move to 510 James St., Unit 4

Geitano appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Geitano of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Geitano is currently homeless. Prior to being homeless, he was staying at the ATTIC on Shawano Avenue and had been there since January 2012. He was asked to leave the ATTIC about 20 days ago because of the ordinance change. Now people on GPS have priority.

Geitano stated he has worked through Remedy Staffing and Labor Ready. He will be working the vets tomorrow. They have an office in the Northern Building. Sandy Meyers is the coordinator for job placement for vets. She works with local businesses in the community to place vets in a job that is suited to their skills. Geitano is currently working at Services Plus. He averages 35 hours a week.

Geitano last came before the Board in 2009. He was denied. Dean Gerondale asked what he's been doing between December 2009 and now. Geitano stated he lived in Greenleaf. In July 2010, Geitano was approved to live at the TLP.

Renee Keehan indicated she received a phone call from a resident who is concerned about Geitano moving to this address. This person knew of Geitano's history and did not feel comfortable with him moving there. This person has children and grandchildren.

Dean Gerondale stated this is a concern. Dean Gerondale would like proof of employment. Dean does not feel Geitano is a risk. Geitano showed the Board a Chase Visa card, which he received from the vets, proving employment. Dean stated he is opposed to him moving to this location, but may not be opposed to him moving to a different address within the city.

Renee Keehan stated that when she receives a phone call from a resident, she takes it seriously.

Dean is willing to schedule a special meeting if Geitano finds a different address in which to live. Renee cannot state if she will vote “yes” or “no” in the future, nor can Ben Heiman.

Geitano said he has taken a lie detector test, which he passed, indicating he has no attraction to children.

Geitano made a \$900 deposit on this apartment and will lose it if not approved to live there.

Heidi Michel stated she would have approved him to live here; however, because of the complaint from a resident, this would now be a concern.

A motion to DENY the appeal of Geitano Schmidt was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Appeal of Jason A. Stache requesting to move to 1114 Stuart St.

Jason appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Jason of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Jason is currently staying at the ATTIC and has been there since October. He has just recently been released after serving 5 years.

Regarding his most recent offense (2007), Jason stated he met the victim at a bowling alley. He assumed she was not a minor because she was wearing a wrist bracelet which allowed her to drink alcohol. They became friends and after 5 months were still having friendly conversations. On the date of the offense, they had been drinking at Jason’s house. Jason assaulted her while giving her a massage. Jason now realizes the victim was looking for someone to listen and support her and he regrets having assaulted her. Jason was 33 years of age when the assault occurred.

Regarding his first sexual offense (1996), Jason stated he met the victim at a Halloween party in a tavern. He took the victim home after the party and they had sexual intercourse.

About a month and a half later, the victim’s father came to Jason’s house and said his 15 year old daughter was pregnant. Jason admitted it was his child. Jason’s son now stays with Jason’s mother. Jason works full time, plus puts in overtime to help support him.

Jason is currently in treatment with Jim Drake. He has no contact with the victim (his child’s mother). Jason’s mother has been appointed his son’s guardian.

A motion to approve Jason Stache to live at 1114 Stuart Street, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Heidi Michel.

Discussion: In his opinion, Dean Gerondale feels the sexual assaults were serious. While he understands people can appear a different age, Dean feels there had to be other flags that this person was underage and Dean thinks Jason knew that.

Jason has not provided documentation that he is seeing Jim Drake. However, Jason did give the board a copy of his homework assignment him. Jason has just started seeing Mr. Drake because Jason has only recently been released from prison.

Dean stated he is not comfortable with approving Jason right now, and he is not confident Jason will not reoffend.

Two voted in favor of the motion, two against. Motion failed.

More Discussion: Renee Keehan referred to paperwork wherein the victim stated it was consensual. Renee believes Jason's statement that the victim was wearing a drinking bracelet. Dean Gerondale stated he could understand Jason thinking the victim was underage if the assault happened that night, but it was five months later. The victim wasn't even old enough to drive and this should have been a red flag. Heidi Michel referred to documentation submitted that states they only met on two occasions and the rest were telephone conversations.

Jason's sentence was 5 years in and 15 years supervision.

Ben Heiman stated he has a difficult time believing that in a 5 month period Jason could not have figured out the victim was underage.

Dean Gerondale pointed out the victim stated it was forceable. Dean considers this to be a violent act.

A motion to APPROVE Jason Stache to live at 1114 Stuart Street, address specific, until the first regular meeting in February 2013 (i.e., February 13, 2013), was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Renee Keehan. Jason is to come back and present treatment documentation and proof of employment. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of January 9, 2013 was confirmed.

Motion to adjourn made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.